Sri KESHAVA RAO NITTURKAR.—Then how is it the Superintendent of Police has recommended for the opening of a Police Station at Rajeswar ?

Sri R. M. PATIL —He has recommended. But his recommendations cannot be accepted. His recommendations are :—

Abolition of the Mudbi outpost, shifting of the Police Headquarters to Ladwanti from Basavakalyan, attaching Hallikhed out-post which is now under Chitgupa Police Station to Humnabad Police Station and regrouping of villages under different Police Stations. Therefore he is creating complications and it will not be in any way useful so far as establishing a Police Station.

Sri KESHAVARAO NITTURKAR.—In view of the fact that a new Taluk has been established in Bidar District will the Government consider the suggestion for establishing one more Police Station ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Bidar, even though it is a small District at the time of re-organisation of the State, it had 13 police Stations and even in 1959 after reorganisation, 15 Police Stations have been established and 4 out-posts have been established. Therefore, there is no justification at this stage to have any more police station.

Mysore Public Libraries Act

52. Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO (Teachers' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Mysore Public Libraries Act is in force all over the State ;

(*b*) whether the Library Cess is being collected in all Districts ;

(*c*) whether City Library Authorities and District Library Authorities under the said Act have been constituted at all places ;

(*d*) the steps taken to enforce the Act in the State ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(*a*) No. It has come into force all over the State except the District of South Kanara.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. The City Library Authorities have been constituted for the following cities.

(i) Mysore (ii) Hubli-Dharwar (iii) Bangalore.

The Question of Constitution of Local Library Authorities for the Districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Kolar, Gulbarga and Chitradurga is under consideration of Government and Orders will be issued shortly.

(*d*) An authority called the State Library Authority has been constituted to advise Government on all matters of Administration of the M.P.L. Act. A Department of Public Libraries has also been set up with the state Librarian as its Head. The former Public Library, Bangalore, has been taken over by Government and converted into State Central Library. The Public Library at Mysore and the Karnataka Granthalaya, Dharwar, have also been taken over to the control of the Local Library Authorities concerned and converted into City Central Libraries. As soon as the names of elected members are received the respective authorities will be constituted and the provision of the Act enforced.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—According to section 1 of the Act, the whole of Mysore State comes under this Act. Then according to Section 16 for the purpose of organising the public libraries, State Library Authority has been established. Therefore, there is no justification in excluding the District of South Kanara ? May I know what is the reason for this ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—South Kanara comes under Local Library Authority constituted by the Madras Act which will be in existance till the end of 1968. Afterwards this will apply to South Kanara also.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—The Madras Act was in force both in South Kanara and Bellary Districts. But the answer says only the South Kanara District has been excluded. That means the Bellary District is included. How is it correct in the eyes of the Government when these two Districts are under the Madras Act ? Secondly Sir, the existance of the Local Library Authorities constituted by the Madras Act is in no way different from the position obtaining in other Districts. Section 52 says, the Madras Public Libraries Act and the Hyderabad Act are hereby repealed, notwithstanding such repeal, the members of the Local Library Authorities constituted under Madras Act and holding office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be the members of the Local Library Authorities constituted under this Act. So it means, the members of the old Library Authorities become the members of the Library authorities to be constituted by this Act and therefore that District cannot be excluded from the purview of this Act. Only the members are continued according to this Act. Am I not correct, Sir ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Probably, the interpretation of the member is correct. It has been stated in the Act, that the old Library Authorities will continue. Therefore, the position stated by the Hon'ble member is correct.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Are they functioning according to this Act or functioning according to Madras Act ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—After 1968, it must be according to the Mysore Act.

Sri K. R. ACHAR.—Is not the Madras Act repealed ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—It is repealed. I have said it.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Sir, in reply to clause (*b*) of the question, it has been said that no library cess is being collected. But the section here is mandatory. The section says: "with effect from the date of commencement of the Act, the library cess, in the form of surcharge etc., shall be levied in the year within the jurisdiction of every city library authority and also in the district library authority, a cess shall be levied." Then the Act is mandatory. How can the Government say that the cess is not being collected all over ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Sir, in some districts they have raised objection, that the local library authority is not appointed, the local library officer is not appointed and in the absence of such appointment, the local library authorities say that they cannot levy any cess and collect it. There is some legal complication in this. It is being examined and necessary steps will be taken early.

Sri C. BANDI GOWDA.—If the Madras Act is repealed and the Mysore Act does not apply to district of South Kanara, May I know under what Act the library authority is functioning ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I am saying that the Mysore Act applies to it.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Sri R. S. Mahanta Shetty is permitted to put question No. 50 on behalf of Sri K. Channabasavana Gouda.

National Rural Water Supply Scheme

50. Sri R. S. MAHANTA SHETTY (Local Authorities' Constituency) [on behalf of SRI K. CHANNABASAVANA GOUDA (Local Authorities' Constituency)].—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

the Villages where National Rural Water Supply Schemes would be implemented in 1968-69 in Bellary District ?

A.—Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

The Villages wherein National Rural Water Supply Schemes that would be implemented during the year 1968-69 are under consideration.

Sri R. S. MAHANTA SHETTY.—May I know, the number of villages, where National Rural water supply scheme is to take place in the entire State ?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—This question relates only to the Bellary District.